



Lethbridge Hurricanes Billet Program

Welcome Message

Thank you for your interest in becoming a billet family for the Lethbridge Hurricanes. Billeting is a vital part of our organization's success, and we truly value the role our billet families play in supporting our players both on and off the ice.

This document outlines the Core Standards and Guidelines expected of billet families, as well as information about Billet Payments. Please review each section carefully, as meeting these expectations is essential for providing a safe, supportive environment for our athletes.

About our Players

Our athletes are dedicated, high performing young individuals who need stable, supportive environments to succeed both on the ice and in everyday. Here is what you can expect:

1. Age Range: Players are typically 14 - 17 years old
2. Gender: Our program supports the male and female leagues.
3. Level of independence: Most players are self-sufficient and capable of handling basic tasks such as preparing light meals, doing laundry and managing their own schedules. However, some younger or first year players may require additional guidance & support as they adjust being away from home.
4. Transportation: Some players will have their own vehicles and be responsible for driving themselves to school, practice, and games. Others may rely on billet families or teammates with transportation.

Core Standards for Billet Families

These are the minimum requirements for being considered a billet family. All standards must be met for your application to proceed.

1. Private Bedroom

- Each player must have their own private bedroom.
 - A "private bedroom" is defined as an existing, enclosed space separate from other children in the home.
 - Future or proposed renovations are not acceptable.
- Players must be provided with clean bedding and a proper mattress.
- Adequate closet and storage space must be available.

2. Bathroom Facilities

- A clean, accessible, and reasonably private bathroom must be available for the player's use.

3. Nutritious Meals

- Billet families must provide wholesome, nutritious food including milk, cereals, fruits, vegetables, and protein sources.
 - The monthly billet cheque is intended to assist with grocery costs.
 - Families should communicate with the player to ensure dietary needs are being met.

4. Motivation for Billeting

- The primary motivation for billeting must be to provide a supportive home for a junior hockey player.
 - Applications that suggest alternative motivations will not be approved.

5. Enforcement of Team Rules

- Billet families must ensure that all team rules are followed within the home.
 - No exceptions will be made.

6. Smoke-Free Environment

- The home must maintain non-smoking air quality.
 - This standard applies immediately to all new billet homes.
 - Existing billets will work with the coaching staff if adjustments are required.

7. Stable Home Atmosphere

- A clean, respectful, and stable home environment must be provided.
 - Homes with the opposite sex and same age of the billet will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and monitored accordingly.

8. Evaluation and Review

- Billet homes may be reviewed at any time during the season by the coaching staff or designated representatives.
- An annual review will be conducted by LMHA Hockey Operations, which may include home visits.

Guidelines:

These guidelines are intended to foster a strong, respectful, and family-like relationship between players and billet families.

1. Create a Home Environment

- Welcome players as part of your family and encourage them to follow your house rules.

2. Establish Clear Expectations

- Clearly communicate your household rules—do not assume players know what's expected.

3. Open Communication

- Players should be respectful and helpful. If any issues arise, address them promptly.
- Please report any concerns to the coach within 24 hours so they can be resolved before escalating.

4. School Attendance

- Players are required to attend all scheduled classes.
 - Schools will report absences to parents.
 - Please also inform the coaching staff if you observe any concerning behavior or habits.

5. Curfew

- Curfews are strictly enforced:
 - 10:00 PM before a game night
 - 11:00 PM on non-game nights

6. No Overnight Guests

- Players' friends or partners (local or out-of-town) are not allowed to stay overnight.
- Players are not permitted to leave your home after curfew.

7. Notice of Absence

- If you will be away for a few days, please notify the coach so alternate arrangements can be made.

8. Substance-Free Environment

- Smoking, tobacco chewing, vaping, and drug use are strictly prohibited.

9. Balanced Meals

- While meals should be nutritious and varied, extravagant food is not necessary. Healthy variety is the priority.

10. Player Welfare Comes First

- Your first responsibility is to the player's well-being and development.
- Do not withhold information from the coach or parents that may affect the player or the team.

11. Who to Contact

- Concerns regarding behavior or issues with the player should be directed to the coach.
- Questions about billet payments can be addressed with the player's parents.

12. Value of Communication

- Strong communication fosters trust and support between billet families and the team.

Billet Payments

Each billet family will receive \$600 per month, paid directly by the player's parents, to assist with food and general living expenses.

If you have any questions please reach out to our Lethbridge Minor Hockey Administrative Assistant at lmhareg@telus.net.

If you would like to apply to become a billet family, please fill in the application located under the Elite Hockey tab on LMHA Website or [CLICK HERE FOR THE APPLICATION](#)

Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to supporting Lethbridge Minor hockey

Together, we build more than athletes—we build character, community, and lifelong connections.

